Tuticorin port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण का गठन

2617. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण गठित करने का निर्णय लिया था, यदि हां, तो यह निर्णय कब लिया गया और इस संबंध में अभी तक क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है, और

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त प्राधिकरण का गठन कर लिया गया है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इसका गठन कब तक कर लिये जाने की संभावना है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) तथा (ख) जी हां। संसद के एक अधिनियम, नामतः भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण अधिनियम, 1988 (1988 का 68) के अधीन भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण का गठन पहले ही दिनांक 15.6.1989 को किया जा चुका है।

Prevention of Accidents involving vehicles Transporting Dangerous Materials

2618. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the National Road Safety Council would be called to discuss ways and means to prevent road accidents, involving vehicles transporting dangerous materials and liquids;

(b) if so, what is the schedule of the proposed meeting;

(c) whether State Governments would be consulted on this subject; and

(d) the details of immediate measures proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) to (d) : The Meetings of the National Road Safety Council are held once in a year and the last Meeting was held on 22nd December, 1994. The *State Governments are time and again* consulted in framing rules relating to Road Safety aspects and other issues including those relating to accidents involving vehicles transporting dangerous materials. The State Governments have recently been addressed to strengthen the measures for implementation of rules regarding transportation of dangerous and hazardous material.

Development and Widening of National Highways in Gujarat

2619. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided for development and widening of national highways in Gujarat during the last two years and that proposed to be provided during the next financial year;

(b) the number of national highways in the State taken up so far for development maintenance and repairs and the progress made in this regard; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed?